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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered human rights questions (agenda item 17) at its 1st to 7th meetings, on 29 and 30 June, 1, 2 and 15 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (A/47/184-E/1992/44);

(c) Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session; 2/

(d) Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixth session; 3/

(e) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/47/41).

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (E/1992/23 and Add.1).

(f) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa on allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights in South Africa (E/1992/41);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others (E/1992/49 and Add.1 and 2);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting general comments relating to articles 7 and 10 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its forty-fourth session (E/1992/58);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa (E/1992/70).

2. At its 1st to 7th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 1st meeting, on 29 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and Canada and by the observers for Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and Hungary. A statement was also made by the observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Sweden, Peru, Turkey, Chile and Morocco. The observer for the Intenational Labour Organisation made a statement. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the International Movement ATD Fourth World, the World Muslim Congress and the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

5. At the 4th meeting, on 2 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Poland and Romania and the observers for the Holy See, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Tunisia.

6. At the 5th meeting on 2 July, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic and Pakistan.

7. At the 6th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Colombia, Mexico, China, the Philippines, Algeria and India and the observers for Egypt, Venezuela, Iraq, Myanmar, Palestine and Ukraine.

8. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia and Yugoslavia and the observer for Cuba.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session 2/ contained 7 draft resolutions and 34 draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. A statement with regard to administrative and programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its forty-eighth session is contained in annex III to the report.

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa

10. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa", by a recorded vote of 31 to 16, with 4 abstentions (see para. 72 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Belarus, Russian Federation, Spain.

The representative of Spain said that his delegation had wished to vote against the draft resolution and not to have abstained.

The representative of Kuwait stated that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Madagascar stated that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

11. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution II).

Declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance

12. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution III).

13. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of China made a statement.

Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

14. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution IV).

Human rights and youth

15. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Human rights and youth" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution V).

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

16. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution VI).

Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

17. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms" (see para. 72 below, draft resolution VII).

Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

18. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 1, entitled "Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination" (see para. 73 below, draft decision I).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

19. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 2, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief" (see para. 73 below, draft decision II).

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

20. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 3, entitled "Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances" (see para. 73 below, draft decision III).

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

21. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 4, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" (see para. 73 below, draft decision IV).

Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers

22. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 5, entitled "Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers" (see para. 73 below, draft decision V).

Right to a fair trial

23. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 6, entitled "Right to a fair trial" (see para. 73 below, draft decision VI).

Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

24. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 7, entitled "Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 73 below, draft decision VII).

Human rights and disability

25. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 8, entitled "Human rights and disability" (see para. 73 below, draft decision VIII).

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

26. At the 4th meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Australia introduced an amendment (E/1992/C.2/L.1) to draft decision 9, entitled "National

institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights", by which the following phrase would be added at the end of the draft decision:

> "and decides to transmit to the General Assembly for adoption the 'Principles relating to the status of national institutions', annexed to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/54 of 3 March 1992".

27. In introducing the amendment, the representative of Australia orally revised it by inserting after the words "for adoption the" the words "recommendations contained in the report of the International Workshop, which are entitled".

28. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted the amendment to draft decision 9, as orally revised.

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 9, as amended and orally revised (see para. 73 below, draft decision IX).

30. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of India and China.

Discrimination against people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

31. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 10, entitled "Discrimination against people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)" (see para. 73 below, draft decision X).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

32. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 11, entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XI).

Situation of human rights in Cuba

33. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the observer for Cuba made a statement. The Committee then adopted draft decision 12, entitled "Situation of human rights in Cuba", by a recorded vote of 25 to 4 with 23 abstentions (see para. 73 below, draft decision XII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Angola, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Syrian Arab Republic.

Abstaining: Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

The representative of Madagascar stated that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have abstained.

Situation of human rights in El Salvador

34. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 13, entitled "Situation of human rights in El Salvador" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XIII).

Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

35. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 14, entitled "Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XIV).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

36. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 15, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (see para. 73 below, draft decision XV).

37. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

38. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 16, entitled "Situation of human rights in Afghanistan" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XVI).

Situation of human rights in Iraq

39. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the observer for Iraq made a statement. The Committee then adopted draft decision 17, entitled "Situation of human rights in Iraq" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XVII).

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

40. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 18, entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XVIII).

Internally displaced persons

41. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 19, entitled "Internally displaced persons" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XIX).

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

42. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 20, entitled "Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XX).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

43. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 21, entitled "Situation of human rights in Haiti" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXI).

44. After the draft decision was adopted, the observer for Haiti made a statement.

Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights

45. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 22, entitled "Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXII).

Situation in Equatorial Guinea

46. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 23, entitled "Situation in Equatorial Guinea" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXIII).

Realization of economic, social and cultural rights

47. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 24, entitled "Realization of economic, social and cultural rights" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXIV).

Question of human rights and states of emergency

48. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 25, entitled "Question of human rights and states of emergency" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXV).

The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms

49. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 26, entitled "The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for

victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXVI).

Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children

50. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 27, entitled "Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXVII).

Human rights and the environment

51. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 28, entitled "Human rights and the environment" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXVIII).

Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations

52. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 29, entitled "Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXIX).

Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities

53. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 30, entitled "Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXX).

Economic and social relations between indigenous peoples and States

54. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 31, entitled "Economic and social relations between indigenous peoples and States (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXI).

Ownership and control of the cultural property of indigenous peoples

55. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 32, entitled "Ownership and control of the cultural property of indigenous peoples" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXII).

Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

56. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 33, entitled "Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXIII).

Organization of the work of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights

57. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 34, entitled "Organization of work of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXIV).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

58. Chapter I of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixth session (E/1992/23) contained 3 draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. The programme budget implications of the draft decisions were contained in document E/1992/23/Add.1.

Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

59. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXV).

60. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement.

Non-submission of reports by States parties

61. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 June, the Chairman informed the Committee that in connection with draft decision II, entitled "Non-submission of reports by States parties", the report of Viet Nam under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had recently been submitted and that, accordingly, the reference to Viet Nam should be deleted from the ninth line of the draft decision.

62. At the 7th meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Non-submission of reports by States parties" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXVI).

Technical assistance in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

63. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted draft decision III, entitled "Technical assistance in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (see para. 73 below, draft decision XXXVII).

Documents relating to the item entitled "Human rights questions"

64. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of a number of reports considered under the item entitled "Human rights questions" (see para. 73 below, draft decisions XXXVIII and XXXIX).

65. At the same meeting the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement, and upon his proposal, the Committee agreed to transmit the draft decision contained in paragraph 73 of this report (draft decision XL).

Other proposals

Suppression of the traffic in persons

66. At the 4th meeting, on 2 July, the observer for the Netherlands, 4/ on behalf of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, 4/ Ecuador, France, Gambia, 4/ Ireland, 4/ Nicaragua, 4/ Philippines, Romania and Venezuela, 4/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.2) entitled "Suppression of the traffic in persons". Subsequently Morocco and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

67. At the 5th meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 72 below, draft resolution VIII).

International Covenants on Human Rights

68. At the 4th meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, 4/ Czechoslovakia, 4/ Denmark, 4/ Ecuador, El Salvador, 4/ Finland, Germany, Hungary, 4/ Iceland, 4/ Netherlands, 4/ Norway, 4/ Poland, Portugal, 4/ Romania, Spain, Switzerland, 4/ the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay, 4/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.3), entitled "International Covenants on Human Rights". Subsequently, Belarus, Benin and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

69. At the 5th meeting, on 2 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 72 below, draft resolution IX).

Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

70. At the 5th meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Madagascar (on behalf of the African States that are members of the Economic and Social Council) introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.4), entitled "Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights".

4/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

71. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 72 below, draft resolution X).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

72. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1992/22), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Suppression of the traffic in persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 5/ on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and colonialism, 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 6/ 1989/35 of 6 March 1989, 7/ 1990/63 of 7 March 1990, 8/ and 1991/58 of 6 March 1991, 9/ and taking note of Commission resolutions 1992/47 of 3 March 1992 10/ on the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and 1992/74 of 5 March 1992, 10/

Recalling also its resolutions 1982/20 of 4 May 1982 and 1983/30 of 26 May 1983 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 1988/34 of 27 May 1988 and 1989/74 of 24 May 1989 on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the

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5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

6/ Ibid., 1988, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

7/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

8/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

9/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

10/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and 1990/46 of 25 May 1990 and 1991/35 of 31 May 1991 on the suppression of the traffic in persons,

Considering that the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Economic and Social Council on the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others 11/ still constitutes a useful basis for further action,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 12/

Noting that only a few Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations have submitted information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade and slavery-like practices still exist, that there are modern manifestations of those phenomena and that such practices represent some of the gravest violations of human rights,

Convinced that the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery will play an important role in the protection of the human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

Aware of the complexity of the issue of the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, and the need for further coordination and cooperation to implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and by various United Nations bodies,

1. Reminds States parties to the Slavery Convention of 1926, 13/ the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, 13/ and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949 13/ that they should submit to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regular reports on the situation in their countries, as provided for under the relevant conventions and under Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974;

11/ E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

12/ E/1992/49 and Add.1 and 2.

13/ See Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.XIV.1), sect. F.

2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others; 12/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1993, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on activities of the supervisory bodies of the International Labour Organisation regarding the implementation of provisions and standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on any operational activities of the United Nations system that can foster the implementation of standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery and activities that may be geared to the prevention of violations and alleviation of the plight, or rehabilitation, of victims;

6. Urges the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and requests him to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the steps taken in this regard;

7. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

8. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to collaborate closely with the Centre for Human Rights on the issue of the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

9. Welcomes the establishment of the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

10. Decides to consider the question of the suppression of the traffic in persons at its substantive session of 1993 under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

International Covenants on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its important responsibilities in relation to the coordination of activities to promote the International Covenants on Human Rights, 14/

Mindful that the International Covenants on Human Rights constitute the first all-embracing and legally binding international treaties in the field of human rights and, together with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 15/ form the core of the International Bill of Rights,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 14/ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 14/ and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 16/ and reaffirming that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interrelated and that the promotion and protection of one category of rights should never exempt or excuse States from the promotion and protection of the other rights,

Noting the entry into force on 11 July 1991 of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,

Recognizing the important role of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in promoting and implementing the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixth session, 17/ as well as the general and country specific comments of the Human Rights Committee,

Noting, in this regard, that a number of States Members of the United Nations have yet to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

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14/ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

15/ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

16/ See General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI), annex, and 44/128, annex.

17/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 3 (E/1992/23).

Considering that the effective functioning of treaty bodies established in accordance with the relevant provisions of international instruments on human rights plays a fundamental role and hence represents an important continuing concern of the United Nations,

Welcoming the conclusions and recommendations of the meetings of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies aimed at streamlining, rationalizing and otherwise improving reporting procedures, as well as the continuing efforts in this connection by the treaty bodies and the Secretary-General within their respective spheres of competence,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the International Covenants on Human Rights as major parts of the international effort to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Appeals strongly to all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to consider acceding to its First Optional Protocol as well as its Second Optional Protocol, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

3. Again invites the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to consider making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant;

4. Appeals to States parties to the Covenants that have exercised their sovereign right to make reservations in accordance with relevant rules of international law to consider whether any such reservations should be reviewed;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to intensify the systematic efforts to encourage States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights and, through the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to provide technical assistance to the States that are not parties to the Covenants, with a view to assisting them in ratifying or acceding to the Covenants;

6. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties to the Covenants with their obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, where applicable, the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

7. Stresses the importance of avoiding the erosion of human rights by derogation and the need for strict observance of all the agreed conditions and procedures for derogation under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

8. Welcomes the continuing efforts of the Human Rights Committee to strive for uniform standards in the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and appeals to other

bodies dealing with similar questions of human rights to respect those standards as expressed in the general comments of the Human Rights Committee;

9. Also welcomes the adoption by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of a general comment at its third, 18/ fourth 19/ and fifth 20/ sessions, and encourages the Committee to continue using that mechanism to develop a fuller appreciation of the obligations of States parties under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

10. Further welcomes the fact that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in its general comment on article 11, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, adopted at its sixth session, 21/ dealt with the right to adequate housing;

11. Invites States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in conformity with article 2, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, to consider identifying benchmarks to measure achievements in the progressive realization of the rights recognized in the Covenant and, in that context, to pay particular regard to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights informed of the relevant activities of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the other functional commissions concerned, the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the other treaty bodies and, as appropriate, the specialized agencies, and also to transmit the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to those bodies;

13. Encourages all Governments to publicize the texts of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in all appropriate languages, and to distribute them and make them known as widely as possible in their territories;

18/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 4 (E/1989/22), annex III.

19/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1990/23 and Corr.1), annex III.

20/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1991/23 and Corr.1), annex III.

21/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 3 (E/1992/23), annex III.

14. Invites States parties to the Covenants to consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

15. Decides to transmit the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session for consideration under the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions".

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association concerning South Africa 22/ referred to it by the International Labour Office, pursuant to Council resolution 1991/37 of 31 May 1991,

Noting with satisfaction the findings, conclusions and recommendations contained therein, and with specific reference to paragraph 748, clauses 13, 14 and 15 of the report,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Government of South Africa to report, no later than 31 December 1992, on the measures which it has taken to give effect to the recommendations contained in the said report, and thereafter at yearly intervals until the Economic and Social Council is satisfied that the said recommendations have been implemented;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to refer the Government's reports on this matter to the International Labour Office with the request that the latter transmit to the Council its advice and comments stemming from examination of the said reports;

3. Takes note of the request of the Government of South Africa that the International Labour Office provide technical assistance and advice to the Government, and to labour and management organizations of South Africa, in respect of the recasting of that country's labour laws and invites the International Labour Office to comply with this request and to inform the Council of actions taken in this regard in the context of an annual report to the United Nations.

73. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-VIII AND X-XXXIV, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1992/22), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

22/ E/1992/70.

DRAFT DECISION IX

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/54 of 3 March 1992, approves the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to publicize the proceedings of the International Workshop on National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (E/CN.4/1992/43 and Add.1 and 2) and to undertake follow-up activities, to commence the planning of a follow-up international workshop in 1993, following the World Conference on Human Rights, and to submit a report on those preparations to the Commission at its forty-ninth session, and decides to transmit to the General Assembly for adoption the recommendations contained in the report of the International Workshop, which are entitled "Principles relating to the status of national institutions" and contained in the annex to Commission resolution 1192/54.

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS XXXV AND XXXVII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (E/1992/23), CHAP. I]

DRAFT DECISION XXXVI

Non-submission of reports by States parties

The Economic and Social Council, recalling the concern that it has frequently expressed at the non-submission of reports by States parties to international human rights treaties, appeals to the following States, parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for more than 10 years, which have yet to submit even the initial report required by the Covenant to do so as soon as possible: Bolivia, Central African Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Suriname. The Council notes that these States might wish to avail themselves of the advisory services available from the Centre for Human Rights to assist them in the preparation of their overdue reports.

DRAFT DECISION XXXVIII

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on its first session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on its first session (A/47/41) and transmits it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

DRAFT DECISION XXXIX

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human rights

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following reports:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (E/1992/58);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (A/47/184-E/1992/44);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others (E/1992/49 and Add.1 and 2);

(d) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1992/41).

DRAFT DECISION XL

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session 23/ and of the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission 24/ as set out in that report.

23/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22).

24/ Ibid., para. 805.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (agenda item 16) at its 1st, 3rd to 10th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 29 June and 1, 2, 15 to 17 and 22 July 1992. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (E/1992/66).

2. At the 1st and 3rd to 10th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 1st meeting, on 29 June, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights.

3. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 July, statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and China.

4. At the 4th meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Chile made a statement.

5. At the 5th meeting, on 2 July, the representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

6. At the 6th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of Algeria made a statement.

7. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the observers for Jamaica and the Bahamas.

8. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Suriname, Canada, Japan, the Russian Federation, Pakistan and Colombia (also on behalf of Mexico and Venezuela).

9. At the 9th meeting, on 17 July, statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Brazil, the United States of America and Belarus.

10. At the 10th meeting, on 17 July, statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Malaysia and Botswana and the observers for New Zealand and Cuba.

Action taken by the Social Committee

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

11. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.5) entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolution 1991/2 of 29 May 1991,

"Reaffirming the purpose set forth in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

"Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

"Recalling also the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 38/14 and contained in the annex thereto, to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

"Reaffirming the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993, to be implemented by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/47 of 30 November 1987, to which it is annexed, and recalling the activities that were proposed for the period 1985-1989,

"Conscious of the responsibility conferred upon it by the General Assembly for coordinating and, in particular, evaluating the activities undertaken in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

"Bearing in mind, in particular, its mandate under General Assembly resolution 41/94 of 4 December 1986 to submit to the Assembly, during the period of the Second Decade, annual reports on the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

"Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade (E/1992/66),

"Noting that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first years of the Second Decade have not been attained, and that millions of human beings continue to be victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

"Noting with deep concern that the Government of South Africa has failed to take effective measures to halt violence in the country, thus entailing further aggravation of tension and loss of human life,

"Bearing in mind the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989 and contained in the annex thereto,

"Noting with deep concern the decision of certain Governments to relax the existing measures even before apartheid is eradicated and a non-racial democratic society is established in South Africa,

"Deeply concerned about the prevalence of racism and racial tensions as well as the rising tide of xenophobia,

"Stressing the need to continue the coordination of activities undertaken by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

"1. Reaffirms the importance of achieving the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in particular the recommendations contained therein;

"3. Urges the South African Government to exercise its responsibilities to end the violence in that country and thus sustain the emerging political climate, which has the potential to create conditions that are conducive to the abolition of the system of apartheid;

"4. Calls upon Governments to encourage positive change in South Africa based on the guidelines set out in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular by maintaining existing measures against South Africa, until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible change;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of the activities for the period 1990-1993, and further requests him to continue to accord the highest priority to measures to combat apartheid;

"6. Invites all Governments to take or continue to take all necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Second Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in order to ensure further implementation of the activities for the Second Decade;

"7. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families 1/ as a matter of priority, and expresses hope that it will enter into force at an early date;

"8. Welcomes the proclamation of the International Year for the World's Indigenous People by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/164 of 18 December 1990;

"9. Reaffirms the need to continue giving particular attention to the specific activities of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade that are directed towards the elimination of apartheid, which is the most destructive and vicious form of institutionalized racism;

"10. Also reaffirms the importance of public information activities in combating racism and racial discrimination and in mobilizing public support for the objectives of the Second Decade, and commends the efforts of the Coordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective and immediate implementation of the activities proposed for the first half of the Second Decade that have not yet been undertaken;

"12. Also requests the Secretary-General, in his reports, to continue to pay special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

1/ General Assembly resolution 45/158, annex.

"13. Reaffirms the need for continued coordination of the full range of programmes being implemented by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade;

"14. Recommends to the General Assembly to proclaim in 1993 a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination;

"15. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade and submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account, inter alia, the elements of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade which have not yet been completed;

"16. Decides to continue to accord the highest priority to the agenda item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

12. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the African States, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.5/Rev.1).

13. At the 16th meeting, on 22 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that the revised draft resolution had no programme budget implications. The Secretary of the Committee read out the following correction to the revised draft resolution: in operative paragraph 2, fourth line, the word "contained" should be replaced by the words "referred to".

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 16 below).

15. After the revised draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Japan made a statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

16. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/2 of 29 May 1991,

Reaffirming the purpose set forth in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling also the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 38/14 and contained in the annex thereto, to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

Reaffirming the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993, to be implemented by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/47 of 30 November 1987, to which it is annexed, and recalling the activities that were proposed for the period 1985-1989,

Conscious of the responsibility conferred upon it by the General Assembly for coordinating and, in particular, evaluating the activities undertaken in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

Bearing in mind, in particular, its mandate under General Assembly resolution 41/94 of 4 December 1986 to submit to the Assembly, during the period of the Second Decade, annual reports on the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, 2/

Noting that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first years of the Second Decade have not been attained, and that millions of human beings continue to be victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Emphasizing that it continues to be the responsibility of the Government of South Africa to take all necessary measures to stop immediately the violence in that country and protect the life and property of all South Africans,

Emphasizing also the need for all parties to cooperate in combating violence and to exercise restraint,

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2/ E/1992/66.

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989 and contained in the annex thereto,

Convinced that international pressure exerted by the United Nations, Governments, individual citizens and organizations has had and continues to have a significant impact on developments in South Africa,

Deeply concerned about the prevalence of racism and racial tensions as well as the rising tide of xenophobia,

Stressing the need to continue the coordination of activities undertaken by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

1. Reaffirms the importance of achieving the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in particular the recommendations referred to therein;

3. Urges the Government of South Africa to exercise its responsibilities to end the violence in that country and thus sustain the emerging political climate, which is conducive to the abolition of the system of apartheid;

4. Calls upon all the parties in South Africa to cooperate to ensure the effective implementation of the National Peace Accord in order to end the violence in that country;

5. Appeals to the international community to give its full and concerted support to the vulnerable and critical process now under way in South Africa through a phased application of appropriate pressure on the South African authorities, as warranted by developments;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of the activities for the period 1990-1993, and further requests him to continue to accord the highest priority to measures to combat apartheid;

7. Invites all Governments to take or continue to take all necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Second Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in order to ensure further implementation of the activities for the Second Decade;

8. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of

All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families 3/ as a matter of priority, and expresses hope that it will enter into force at an early date;

9. Welcomes the proclamation of the International Year for the World's Indigenous People by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/164 of 18 December 1990;

10. Reaffirms the need to continue giving particular attention to the specific activities of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade that are directed towards the elimination of apartheid, which is the most destructive and vicious form of institutionalized racism;

11. Also reaffirms the importance of public information activities in combating racism and racial discrimination and in mobilizing public support for the objectives of the Second Decade, and commends the efforts of the Coordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective and immediate implementation of the activities proposed for the first half of the Second Decade that have not yet been undertaken;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General, in his reports, to continue to pay special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

14. Reaffirms the need for continued coordination of the full range of programmes being implemented by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade;

15. Recommends that the General Assembly proclaim in 1993 a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade and submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account, inter alia, the elements of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade that have not yet been completed;

17. Decides to continue to accord the highest priority to the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

3/ General Assembly resolution 45/158, annex.

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of the advancement of women (agenda item 18) at its 8th to 15th meetings, on 16, 17 and 20 to 22 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its eleventh session (A/47/38); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on preparation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2000 (E/1992/6);

(c) Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session (E/1992/18);

(d) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session (E/1992/24 2/ and Add.1 and 2).

2. At its 8th to 14th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women.

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/47/38).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 4 (E/1992/24).

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3. At the same meeting a statement was made by the observer for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

4. At the 9th meeting, on 17 July, statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ecuador, Mexico (also on behalf of Colombia and Venezuela) and by the observer for the Bahamas. The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

5. At the 10th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of the Philippines made a statement.

6. At the 11th meeting, on 20 July, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

7. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand). The observer for the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

8. At the 12th meeting, on 20 July, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Romania, Bangladesh and Turkey and by the observer for Nigeria.

9. At the 13th meeting, on 21 July, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Australia, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Japan and by the observers for New Zealand, Indonesia and Cuba. The representative of the International Labour Organisation also made a statement.

10. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Malaysia, Austria and Belarus and by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session

11. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session (E/1992/24) contained seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Eight resolutions of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council. Programme budget implications of the draft proposals were set out in the addenda to the report (E/1992/24/Add.1 and 2).

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

12. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution I).

13. After the adoption of the draft resolution the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement.

Women and children under apartheid

14. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Women and children under apartheid" by a recorded vote of 33 to 1, with 17 abstentions (see para. 31 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Australia made a statement.

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

16. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the observer for Israel made a statement.

17. The Secretary of the Committee read out a correction to the English text of the draft resolution as follows: In the fourth preambular paragraph, sixth line, replace the words "controversies over" by "contrary to".

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women", by a recorded vote of 36 to 1, with 13 abstentions (see para. 31 below, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

19. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Australia made a statement.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

20. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the representative of the United States of America made a statement. The Committee then adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution IV).

Violence against women in all its forms

21. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Violence against women in all its forms" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution V).

Communications on the status of women

22. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Communications on the status of women" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VI).

Advancement of women and human rights

23. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Advancement of women and human rights" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VII).

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission

24. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission" (see para. 32 below, draft decision I).

Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

25. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women" (see para. 32 below, draft decision II).

Integration of elderly women into development

26. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of Commission resolution 36/4 entitled "Integration of elderly women into development" and endorsed the request for the preparation of a report on the integration of elderly women into development (see para. 32 below, draft decision III).

Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

27. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of Commission resolution 36/8 entitled "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace" and endorsed the recommendation contained therein (see para. 32 below, draft decision IV).

Other proposals

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

28. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, the representative of Argentina, also on behalf of the Bahamas*, Bangladesh, Bolivia*, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica*, Dominican Republic*, Ecuador, El Salvador*, Guatemala*, Honduras*, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands*, Nicaragua*, Paraguay*, Peru, Romania, Spain, Suriname, Tunisia*, Turkey, Uruguay*, Venezuela* and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Angola, Australia and New Zealand*, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.6), entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

29. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VIII).

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

30. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women at its eleventh session 1/ and transmitting it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (see para. 32 below, draft decision V).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

31. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1992/24), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/24 of 30 May 1991 in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eleventh session, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/99 of 16 December 1991 in which the Assembly took note of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 2/

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its twelfth session, 3/

Reaffirming the specific and unique role of the Institute in the areas of research and training that would lead to the systematic inclusion of women in mainstream development programmes and projects,

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1/ E/1990/34.

2/ A/46/325, annex.

3/ E/1992/18.

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session and the decisions contained therein; 3/

2. Expresses its appreciation for the successful implementation of the programmes of the Institute, particularly activities on improving statistics to yield better descriptive data on the situation of women relative to that of men, including elderly women and women in the informal sector; women, the environment and sustainable development; assessing and developing appropriate communication materials on women and development; rural women and credit; and monitoring and evaluation methodologies for programmes and projects on women and development;

3. Takes note of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1992-1993, approved by the Board of Trustees at its twelfth session, and the commencement of work in the areas of appraisal and evaluation of development strategies and programmes for the maximum impact on women and the long-term research project on methods for the measurement of the value of women's work, including that in the informal sector;

4. Commends the sustained efforts made by the Institute to further enhance its linkages with other United Nations organizations, regional commissions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions and other organizations and groups with similar interests in developing projects for the advancement of women;

5. Reaffirms the catalytic and advocatory role of the Institute in facilitating the inclusion of women as partners in development through research, training and information activities on issues affecting women and development;

6. Recommends, in view of the increase in research and training being done in the general areas of women and development, that the Institute concentrate on the identification of barriers to improvements in the status of women and the development of tools for the removal of those persistent obstacles to progress;

7. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

32. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1992/24), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

DRAFT DECISION III

Integration of elderly women into development

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission on the Status of Women resolution 36/4 entitled "Integration of elderly women into development" and endorses the request for the preparation of the report on the integration of elderly women into development.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission on the Status of Women resolution 36/8 entitled "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace" and endorses the recommendations contained therein.

DRAFT DECISION V

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women on its eleventh session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women on its eleventh session (A/47/38), and transmits it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered social development questions (agenda item 19) at its 12th to 20th meetings, from 20 to 24 and on 27 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the continuation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (A/47/214-E/1992/50);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (A/47/216-E/1992/43);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation (E/1992/17);

(d) Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session (E/1992/30 and Add.1); 1/

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the world summit for social development (E/1992/80).

2. At the 12th to 18th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 12th meeting, on 20 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of the Social Development Division of the Centre

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for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Assistant Director, Chief of the Development Analysis Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain and Benin and the observer for Mongolia.

4. At the 13th meeting, on 21 July, an introductory statement was made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the World Summit for Social Development.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina and China and the observer for the Bahamas. The observer for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

6. At the 14th meeting, on 21 July, statements were made by the representatives of Togo, Guinea, Spain and Ecuador.

7. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Japan, Austria, Peru, Australia, Turkey, Ethiopia and Belgium and the observer for Iceland (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

8. At the 16th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Suriname, Germany, Pakistan, Kuwait, Bulgaria and Morocco and the observer for Costa Rica. The representative of the International Labour Organisation also made a statement.

9. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, statements were made by the representatives of France, Australia (on behalf also of Canada and New Zealand), the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Jamaica and Kuwait and the observers for Venezuela (on behalf also of Colombia and Mexico), Azerbaijan, the Netherlands and Cuba. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made a statement.

10. At the 18th meeting, on 23 July, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Brazil, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Belarus, India, Austria, Poland, the Russian Federation, the Philippines and Madagascar and the observers for Ukraine, Nicaragua and Côte d'Ivoire.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

11. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session (E/1992/30) contained three draft resolutions and one decision recommended for adoption by the Council. It also contained two resolutions of the Commission that called for action by the Council. Two decisions of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council. Information concerning the programme budget implications of two of the draft resolutions was provided in an addendum to the report (E/1992/30/Add.1).

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

12. At the 18th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice" (see para. 34 below, draft resolution I).

Organized crime

13. At the 18th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Organized crime" (see para. 34 below, draft resolution II).

Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

14. At the 18th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (see para. 34 below, draft resolution III).

Report of the Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Commission

15. At the 18th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session and provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Commission" (see para. 35 below, draft decision I).

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

16. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision concerning chapter I, section B, of the report of the Commission on its first session (see para. 35 below, draft decision II).

Other proposals

The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends

17. At the 16th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of Costa Rica, on behalf also of Benin, Bolivia, 2/ Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, 2/ Ecuador, Guatemala, 2/ Honduras, 2/ Lebanon, 2/ Lesotho, Malawi, 2/ Mongolia, 2/ Morocco, Nicaragua, 2/ the Philippines, Poland, Togo and Viet Nam, 2/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.7) entitled "The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/58 of 8 December 1989, particularly paragraph 4, which requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,

"Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends, 3/

"Recognizing the importance of the policy-oriented research being undertaken by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs concerning the relevance of cooperatives to the achievement of the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, in respect to the execution of which it acts as focal point within the United Nations system,

"Bearing in mind that 1995 will mark the centenary of the establishment of the International Cooperative Alliance,

"Noting with satisfaction the important recommendations of the report directed towards ensuring the best possible means of dealing with the issue of cooperatives in the light of their broad significance in contributing to the solution of major economic and social problems,

"Welcoming the recommendation in paragraph 4 (a) of the report of the Secretary-General, and bearing in mind the substantial support shown by Governments and by the international cooperative movement for the idea

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2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

3/ A/47/216-E/1992/43.

of proclaiming an international year of cooperatives, or alternatively, an international decade of cooperatives, and of observing an international day of cooperatives,

"Indicating its appreciation to government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, for their valuable contribution,

"1. Commends the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends; 3/

"2. Recommends that the General Assembly proclaim the year 1996 as the International Year of Cooperatives and that during 1995 an International Day of Cooperatives should be observed;

"3. Encourages the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to redouble its efforts of support and coordination in order to achieve the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, in respect to the execution of which it acts as focal point within the United Nations system;

"4. Invites government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to maintain and step up their programmes of support to the international cooperative movement;

"5. Also invites, as the Economic and Social Council has already done in its resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972, the United Nations specialized agencies that have a substantial interest in cooperatives, especially the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as well as other concerned international organizations of cooperatives that are not yet members of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to become members at an early date and to ensure its effectiveness by their contribution of appropriate resources;

"6. Recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to maintain and step up the support provided by the United Nations to the programmes and objectives of the international cooperative movement and to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session."

18. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, the observer for Costa Rica, on behalf also of Benin, Bolivia, 2/ Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, 2/ Ecuador, Guatemala, 2/ Guinea-Bissau, 2/ Honduras, 2/ Lebanon, 2/ Lesotho, 2/ Malawi, 2/ Mongolia, 2/ Morocco, Nicaragua, 2/ the Philippines, Poland, Togo, the United States of America and Viet Nam, 2/ introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.7/Rev.1).

19. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

20. The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 34 below, draft resolution IV).

World social situation

21. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.9) entitled "World social situation".

22. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) orally revised operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution by replacing the phrase "and to analyse in depth the economic problems of the developing countries and the impact of those problems on the world social situation" with the phrase "and to analyse in depth the impact of the economic problems of the developing countries on the world social situation".

23. At the 20th meeting, on 27 July, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) further orally revised the draft resolution by inserting a new preambular paragraph between the first and second preambular paragraphs, which read as follows:

> "Acknowledging the relationship between development, including social development, and the enjoyment by everyone of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, and recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy these rights, as set out in the International Covenants on Human Rights".

24. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 34 below, draft resolution V).

25. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Social development

26. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of Chile, on behalf also of Azerbaijan, 2/ Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, 2/ Bangladesh, Barbados, 2/ Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, 2/ Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, 2/ Canada, Cape Verde, 2/ Chad, 2/ China, Colombia, the Congo, 2/ Costa Rica, 2/ Côte d'Ivoire, 2/ Cuba, 2/ Cyprus, 2/ Czechoslovakia, 2/ Denmark, 2/ Ecuador, Egypt, 2/ El Salvador, 2/ Estonia, 2/ Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, 2/ Greece, 2/ Guatemala, 2/ Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, 2/ Haiti, 2/ Honduras, 2/ Hungary, 2/ Iceland, 2/ India, Indonesia, 2/ the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, 2/ Ireland, 2/ Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, 2/ Kenya, 2/ Lebanon, 2/ Lesotho, 2/ the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 2/ Liechtenstein, 2/ Luxembourg, 2/ Madagascar, Malawi, 2/ Malaysia, Mali, 2/ Malta, 2/ Mauritania, 2/ Mexico, Mongolia, 2/ Morocco, Myanmar, 2/ Namibia, 2/ Nepal, 2/ the Netherlands, 2/ New Zealand, 2/ Nicaragua, 2/ the Niger, 2/ Nigeria, 2/ Norway, 2/ Pakistan, Panama, 2/ Papua New Guinea, 2/ Paraguay, 2/ Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, 2/ the Republic of Korea, 2/ Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, 2/ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, 2/ Samoa, 2/ Sao Tome and Principe, 2/ Senegal, 2/ Seychelles, 2/ Sierra Leone, 2/ Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, 2/ Turkey, Uganda, 2/ Ukraine, 2/ the United Republic of Tanzania, 2/ the United States of America, Uruguay, 2/ Venezuela, 2/ Yemen, 2/ Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia 2/ and Zimbabwe, 2/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.2/L.10) entitled "Social development". Subsequently, Botswana, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam 2/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

27. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

28. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution (see para. 34 below, draft resolution VI).

29. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Germany made a statement.

Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

30. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf also of Austria, China, Costa Rica, 2/ Morocco, Peru, Poland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced a draft decision (E/1992/C.2/L.8) entitled "Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons". Subsequently, Australia, France, Italy, Japan and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

31. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of the Philippines orally revised the draft decision by replacing the words "including the proposed terms of reference of the Fund, as contained in ..." with the words "including the terms of reference of the Fund, on the basis of ...".

32. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that the draft decision, as orally revised, had no programme budget implications.

33. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally revised (see para. 35 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

34. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (E/1992/30), CHAP. I, SECT. A.]

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/58 of 8 December 1989, particularly paragraph 4, in which the Secretary-General was requested, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends, 4/

Recognizing the importance of the policy-oriented research being undertaken by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs concerning the relevance of cooperatives to the achievement of the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, in the execution of which it acts as focal point within the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind that 1995 will mark the centenary of the establishment of the International Cooperative Alliance,

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4/ A/47/216-E/1992/43.

Noting with satisfaction the important recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General directed towards ensuring the best possible means of dealing with the issue of cooperatives in the light of their broad significance in contributing to the solution of major economic and social problems,

Welcoming the recommendation contained in paragraph 4 (a) of the report of the Secretary-General, and bearing in mind the substantial support shown by Governments and by the international cooperative movement for the idea of observing an international day of cooperatives,

Indicating its appreciation to government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, for their valuable contribution,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends; 4/

2. Recommends that the General Assembly proclaim an international day of cooperatives to be observed on the first Saturday in July 1995, marking the centenary of the International Cooperative Alliance, and that it consider the possibility of observing an international day in future years;

3. Encourages Governments to consider fully the potential of cooperatives for contributing to the solution of economic, social and environmental problems in formulating national development strategies;

4. Encourages the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to redouble its efforts of support and coordination in order to achieve the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future;

5. Invites government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to maintain and increase their programmes of support to the international cooperative movement, to the extent possible within existing resources;

6. Also invites, as the Economic and Social Council has already done in its resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972, the United Nations specialized agencies that have a substantial interest in cooperatives, especially the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as well as other organizations, especially the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and other concerned international organizations of cooperatives that are not yet members of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to become members at an early date in order to ensure its effectiveness by their contribution of appropriate resources;

7. Recommends that the General Assembly, to the extent possible within existing resources, request the Secretary-General to maintain and increase the support provided by the United Nations to the programmes and objectives of the international cooperative movement and, in his next report on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends, to indicate the progress made towards that goal.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

World social situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/72 of 24 May 1989 and 1991/4 of 30 May 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/95 of 16 December 1991,

Acknowledging the relationship between development, including social development, and the enjoyment by everyone of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, and recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy these rights, as set out in the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Noting that in paragraph 4 of its resolution 1991/4 the Secretary-General was requested to reorient the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation 5/ so that it was in consonance with the requests set forth in paragraph 4 of its resolution 1989/72, and to submit it to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 1992,

Bearing in mind the importance of a well-balanced report on the world social situation for increasing international awareness of the efforts being made towards achieving the goals of social progress and better standards of living, established in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as of the obstacles to further progress,

Deeply concerned by the continued worsening of the economic situation in many developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, as evidenced by the significant decline in living conditions, the persistence and increase of widespread poverty in a large number of those countries and the decline of their main social and economic indicators,

Bearing in mind that certain developing countries have been able to achieve some economic and social progress,

Having considered the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation, contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 5/

5/ A/46/56-E/1991/6 and Corr.1, annex.

1. Notes that in the preparation of the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation efforts have been made to reorient it in accordance with the requests of the Council and the General Assembly;

2. Reaffirms the request set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72 that, in preparing the next report on the world social situation, the Secretary-General give high priority to an analysis of the main indicators of social progress and standards of living and make a comprehensive analysis of the main causes and circumstances that explain negative trends in those indicators, and reaffirms also that chapters devoted to the study of specific social problems must be related to global economic and social situations, taking into account both national and international conditions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1993 report, to also take into account the intrinsic relationship between economic growth and social development and to analyse in depth the impact of the economic problems of the developing countries on the world social situation;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, the 1993 report on the world social situation.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/139 of 17 December 1991 and Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991,

Welcoming the appointment by the Secretary-General of a Special Representative to assist him in the consultations requested by the Council in decision 1991/230,

Bearing in mind the need to involve the appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the Commission for Social Development, in the preparations for the proposed world summit for social development,

Noting the statement made by the President of the Economic and Social Council at the conclusion of the high-level segment of the Council, on 8 July 1992, that there was broad support for a summit,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 6/ on the consultations requested by the Economic and Social Council in decision 1991/230,

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6/ E/1992/80.

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and the positive outcome of the consultations on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Special Representative for their efforts in carrying out a comprehensive process of consultation on this matter;

3. Recommends that the General Assembly convene a world summit for social development, at the level of head of State or Government, to be held in early 1995;

4. Further recommends that the General Assembly, at its forty-seventh session, take action on the proposed summit including appropriate decisions on its agenda, means of preparation and other relevant modalities;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out consultations on the present resolution and present an oral report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

35. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION I, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (E/1992/30), CHAP. I, SECT. B.]

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Economic and Social Council decides that the draft decision it adopted with regard to chapter I, section B, of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session includes the resolutions calling for action by the Council as detailed in chapter I, section C of that report.

DRAFT DECISION III

Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the continuation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 7/ recommends to the General Assembly, in response to its resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, the adoption of the proposal of the Secretary-General to continue in the period beyond the Decade the operation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, henceforth to be called the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability, including the terms of reference of the Fund, on the basis of paragraph 10 of the note.

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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of narcotic drugs (agenda item 20) at its 15th, 17th and 19th to 21st meetings, on 22 to 24 and 27 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991 (E/1992/10);

(b) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (E/1992/25). 1/

2. At its 15th, 17th and 19th to 21st meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of the Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs Division of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

3. At the same meeting, the observer for Bolivia made a statement.

4. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, a statement was made by the representative of China.

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5. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the United States of America, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Japan, Turkey and Austria and the observers for the Bahamas and Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

6. At the 20th meeting, on 27 July, statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Bulgaria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Mexico, Chile and the Philippines and the observer for Ukraine. The representatives of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made statements.

7. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Russian Federation and Jamaica and the observers for Cuba and Myanmar.

8. At the same meeting, concluding statements were made by the Director of the Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs Division of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (E/1992/25) contained three draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Programme budget implications of several draft proposals contained in the report were set out in annex I to the report.

Improvement of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

10. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Improvement of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution I).

Measures to prevent diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

11. The Committee then adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Measures to prevent diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution II).

12. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of China made a statement. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of India made a statement.

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs

13. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution III).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

14. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 18 below, draft decision I).

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

15. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Report of the International Narcotics Control Board" (see para. 18 below, draft decision II).

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

16. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 18 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

17. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1992/25), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

18. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1992/25), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

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REGIONAL COOPERATION

Report of the Economic Committee

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of regional cooperation (agenda item 11) at its 5th, 6th, 10th, 13th and 16th meetings, on 1, 2, 21, 23 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Summit Declaration on Black Sea Economic Cooperation, signed at Istanbul by the heads of State or Government of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine on 25 June 1992 (A/47/305-E/1992/96);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (E/1992/14 and Add.1 (Parts I and II));

(c) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1991 (E/1992/19);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Second report on the cost-benefit of office accommodation at ECLAC, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)" and the Secretary-General's comments thereon (E/1992/21 and Add.1);

(e) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1991 (E/1992/39);

(f) Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1991-1992 (E/1992/42);

(g) Summary of the economic survey of Europe in 1991-1992 (E/1992/45);

(h) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1991 (E/1992/52);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (E/1992/61 and Add.1);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1992/65);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on the sixteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (E/1992/87);

(l) Note by the Secretariat on the admission of new members to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission (E/1992/88);

(m) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chairman of the Economic Commission for Europe to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1992/101 and Corr.1).

2. At the 5th and 6th meetings, on 1 and 2 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 5th meeting, on 1 July, it heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

4. Also at the 5th meeting, the Acting Controller of the United Nations made a statement regarding recommendations of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, contained in the report of the Secretary-General.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Poland, Bahrain, the Russian Federation, Egypt and Yugoslavia and the observers for Jordan and Mongolia.

6. At the 6th meeting, on 2 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, China, Romania, Pakistan (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Benin, Belarus, Chile, Japan, Bangladesh, Trinidad and Tobago and Australia and the observers for Oman, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yemen.

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

7. At the 10th meeting, on 21 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.2) entitled "Strengthening the role of the regional commissions", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/145 of 17 December 1991 on regional economic integration among developing countries and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, 1/

"Bearing in mind that regional economic integration is important in expanding trade and investment, particularly in developing countries, and that regional economic integration has the potential to strengthen global economic and social development,

"1. Urges the regional commissions to strengthen their role in assisting developing countries to promote accelerated development through an integrated approach;

"2. Recommends that, when preparing regional technical cooperation programmes, the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant United Nations bodies, coordinate their work, with the aim of achieving a better and more focused use of available resources, greater coherence of action and, therefore, greater and more concentrated impact;

"3. Also recommends that the regional commissions participate fully in the programme budget process at United Nations Headquarters;

"4. Urges that priority setting for programming should take fully into account the views of the membership;

"5. Also urges the regional commissions, at the request of Member States, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with the Cartagena commitment, 2/ to

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contribute to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

"6. Requests each regional commission, as appropriate, to study the possibility of assisting Member States to participate fully and effectively at the sessions of the regional commissions;

"7. Stresses the role and important contribution of the regional commissions, within their mandates, in the follow-up and implementation of the decisions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular those contained in Agenda 21;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

8. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.20), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.2.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.20 (see para. 42 below, draft resolution I).

10. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.20, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.2 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

11. At the 10th meeting, on 21 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.3) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly proclaimed the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa for the years 1991-2000, and its decision 46/458 of 20 December 1991 on the programme for the Second Decade,

"Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which identifies the Second Decade as a major programme for African regional economic integration,

"Further recalling its resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Decade,

"Stressing the need to integrate the programme for the Second Decade into the overall framework of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

"Further recalling the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, 3/

"Considering resolution GC.4/8 of 22 November 1991 of the fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in which the general conference adopted the programme for the Second Decade as one of the top priority programmes of that organization and recommended its adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992,

"Considering also resolution 739 (XXVII) of 24 April 1992 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which the Conference adopted the programme for the Second Decade, and decision 1 (XXVII) of 24 April 1992, in which the Conference recommended the adoption of the programme by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992, and the provision to the Economic Commission for Africa of adequate resources to enable it to support the African countries and subregional organizations for the implementation of their programmes for the Second Decade,

"Cognizant of the appeal to the General Assembly to adopt at its forty-seventh session the programme for the Second Decade made by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in resolution AHG/CM/Res.1399 (LVI) of 1 July 1992, in which the Assembly also endorsed the programme,

"1. Endorses the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, including the national, subregional and regional components; 4/

"2. Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the programme for the Second Decade at its forty-seventh session;

"3. Recommends that the General Assembly adjust the period for the programme set in its resolution 44/237 to cover the years 1993-2002;

3/ A/CONF.151/26, to be issued.

4/ E/1992/14/Add.1 (Parts I and II).

"4. Recommends also that the General Assembly urge the African countries, financial institutions and United Nations specialized agencies to adopt an integrated approach to the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade, taking full account of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; 5/

"5. Recommends further that the General Assembly urge the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, the institutions and agencies of the United Nations system, and the African States and subregional and regional organizations to integrate the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in the implementation of the Second Decade;

"6. Recommends further that the General Assembly urge the industrialized countries, the international financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank Group, and the United Nations Development Programme and bilateral development finance institutions to increase substantially their contributions to the industrial sector in Africa so as to ensure successful implementation of the Second Decade;

"7. Recommends also that the General Assembly provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources to enable it to support the African countries and subregional organizations more effectively for the implementation of their programmes for the Second Decade."

12. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.17), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.3.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.17 (see para. 42 below, draft resolution II).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.17, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.3 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

15. At the 13th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of Morocco and Spain, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.6) entitled "Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar". Subsequently, France, Greece and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Morocco orally revised it as follows:

5/ General Assembly resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

(a) In the third preambular paragraph, the words "most of the" were inserted before the words "financial resources";

(b) In the operative paragraph, the words "the responsibilities mandated in" were replaced by the words "the evaluation report requested by".

The draft resolution, as orally revised, read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and other relevant resolutions concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the activities that the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe were requested to carry out regarding the preparation of an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993,

"Conscious of the contribution of the project to transport development and to physical integration at the regional and interregional levels,

"Noting that resolution 1991/74 does not impose any financial burden on the budgets of the two Commissions concerned, since the Governments of Morocco and Spain are making available most of the financial resources needed to perform the activities mandated in the resolution,

"Bearing in mind the necessary involvement of the experts from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in coordinating the evaluation process requested in the resolution,

"Recalling that in resolution 1991/74 the Council called upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the two Commissions, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report,

"Noting that the Secretary-General has not been able to allocate the necessary resources from within existing appropriations,

"Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, through the contingency fund, with the necessary budgetary resources to enable them to carry out effectively and efficiently the evaluation report requested in resolution 1991/74."

16. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.16), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.6.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.16 (see para. 42 below, draft resolution III).

18. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.16, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.6 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Admission of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

19. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July 1992, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.12) entitled "Admission of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific", submitted by the Chairman.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IV).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

21. Chapter I, section A, of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1992/65) contained 12 recommendations for action by the Council.

22. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the recommendations contained in the report.

Admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a member of the Commission

23. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a member of the Commission" (see E/1992/65, para. 1), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 42 below, draft resolution V).

Admission of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands as members of the Commission

24. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Admission of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands as members of the Commission" (see E/1992/65, para. 1), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VI).

Admission of French Polynesia and New Caledonia as associate members of the Commission

25. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Admission of French Polynesia and New Caledonia as associate members of the Commission" (see E/1992/65, para. 1), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VII).

Admission of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan as members of the Commission

26. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Admission of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan as members of the Commission" (see E/1992/65, para. 1), recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 42 below, draft resolution VIII).

Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002

27. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee decided to endorse resolution 48/3, entitled "Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002" (see E/1992/65, para. 2), adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see para. 43 below, draft decision I).

Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission

28. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee had before it resolution 48/2 entitled "Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission" (see E/1992/65, para. 3), adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

29. At the 16th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to approve the resolution, which was to be implemented in conformity with the administrative, financial and programme planning regulations and rules of the United Nations (see para. 43 below, draft decision II).

Venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

30. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation (see E/1992/65, para. 4) that the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean be held at Cartagena, Colombia, in 1994 (see para. 43 below, draft decision III).

Venue of the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

31. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee decided to approve the recommendation (see E/1992/65, para. 5) that the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission be held at Lusaka, in April 1993 (see para. 43 below, draft decision IV).

Strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s

32. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July 1992, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s" recommended by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa (see para. 42 below, draft resolution IX).

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: strengthening the role and functions of the Economic Commission for Africa

33. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July 1992, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: strengthening the role and functions of the regional commissions", recommended by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa.

34. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations held on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to amend the title by replacing the words "regional commissions" by the words "Economic Commission for Africa".

35. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft resolution X).

Industrial development in Africa

36. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Industrial development in Africa" (see E/1992/65, para. 6), recommended by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa.

37. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.17 entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000" (see para. 13 above), the Committee decided to take note of the draft decision (see para. 43 below, draft decision V).

Implementation of the United Nations Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

38. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa" (see E/1992/65, para. 6), recommended by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa.

39. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations held on the draft decision, it had been agreed to replace operative paragraph 2, which had read:

> "Requests the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary budgetary resources to enable it effectively and efficiently to carry out all the responsibilities and additional activities mandated to it in General Assembly decision 46/456, as lead agency and coordinator of the programme of the Second Decade",

by the following text:

> "Affirms its resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991, by which the Council invited the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary regular budgetary resources to enable it to carry out its responsibilities as the lead agency for the Second Decade effectively and efficiently".

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see para. 43 below, draft decision VI).

Other proposals

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional cooperation

41. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (E/1992/14 and Add.1 (Parts I and II));

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Second report on the cost-benefit of office accommodation at ECLAC, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)" and the Secretary-General's comments thereon (E/1992/21 and Add.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (E/1992/61 and Add.1);

(d) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chairman of the Economic Commission for Europe to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1992/101 and Corr.1);

(see para. 43 below, draft decision VII).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

42. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/145 of 17 December 1991 on regional economic integration among developing countries and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation, including his views on the role of the regional commissions within an integrated approach of the United Nations system, 6/

Bearing in mind that regional economic integration is important in expanding trade and investment, particularly in developing countries, and that regional economic integration has the potential to strengthen global economic and social development,

1. Urges the regional commissions to take steps to enable them fully to play their role in assisting their member States, in particular developing countries, to promote accelerated and sustainable development through an integrated approach;

2. Recommends that, when preparing regional technical cooperation programmes, all relevant bodies of the United Nations development system coordinate their work with the regional commissions with the aim of achieving a better and more focused use of available resources, greater coherence of action and, therefore, greater and more concentrated impact;

3. Also recommends that the regional commissions participate fully in the programme budget process at United Nations Headquarters;

6/ E/1992/65.

4. Urges that priority setting for programming should take fully into account the views of the membership;

5. Also urges the regional commissions, at the request of Member States, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with the Cartagena commitment, 7/ to contribute to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional economic integration organizations, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

6. Requests each regional commission, to study the possibility of assisting Member States, as appropriate, to participate fully and effectively at the sessions of the regional commissions;

7. Stresses the role and important contribution of the regional commissions, within their mandates, in the follow-up and implementation of the decisions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in particular those contained in Agenda 21;

8. Stresses further the importance of the regional commissions being part of the continued reform process in the economic and social fields, bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 46/235;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly proclaimed the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa for the years 1991-2000, and its decision 46/458 of 20 December 1991 on the programme for the Second Decade,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which identifies the Second Decade as a major programme for African regional economic integration,

Further recalling its resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Decade,

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Stressing the need to integrate the programme for the Second Decade into the overall framework of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, in particular, the commitment of African countries and the international community to promote domestic and foreign direct investment in Africa, as reflected in the relevant paragraphs of the new Agenda,

Further recalling the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, 8/

Considering resolution GC.4/8 of 22 November 1991 of the fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in which the General Conference adopted the programme for the Second Decade as one of the top priority programmes of that organization and recommended its adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992,

Considering also resolution 739 (XXVII) of 24 April 1992 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which the Conference adopted the programme for the Second Decade, and decision 1 (XXVII) of 24 April 1992, in which the Conference of Ministers recommended the adoption of the programme by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992, and the provision to the Economic Commission for Africa of adequate resources to enable it to support the African countries and subregional organizations for the implementation of their programmes for the Second Decade,

Cognizant of the appeal to the General Assembly to adopt at its forty-seventh session the programme for the Second Decade, made by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in resolution AHG/CM/Res.1399 (LVI) of 1 July 1992, in which the Assembly also endorsed the programme,

1. Endorses the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, including the national, subregional and regional components; 9/

2. Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the programme for the Second Decade at its forty-seventh session;

3. Recommends that the General Assembly adjust the period for the programme for the Second Decade, set in its resolution 44/237, to cover the years 1993-2002;

8/ A/CONF.151/26, to be issued.

9/ E/1992/14/Add.1 (Parts I and II).

4. Takes note of efforts already undertaken in Africa to establish an enabling environment to attract domestic and foreign investment, calls for further efforts in this regard and urges the international community to take the necesssary steps to encourage direct foreign investment and support the policy changes undertaken in African countries;

5. Recommends that the General Assembly urge the African countries, financial institutions and United Nations specialized agencies to adopt an integrated approach to the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade, taking full account of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; 10/

6. Recommends also that the General Assembly urge the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, the institutions and agencies of the United Nations system, and the African States and subregional and regional organizations to integrate the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in the implementation of the Second Decade;

7. Appeals to the international community, particularly bilateral and multilateral funding institutions, to increase significantly their contributions to the industrial sector in African countries so as to ensure successful and sustained implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

8. Urges international financial institutions, in particular the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank, to ensure full support for the programme for the Second Decade and effective implementation of that programme at the national and subregional levels;

9. Reiterates its recommendations that the General Assembly provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources to enable it to assist African countries and organizations effectively in the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and other relevant resolutions concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and the activities that the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe were requested to carry out regarding the

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10/ General Assembly resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

preparation of an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993,

Conscious of the contribution of the project to transport development and to physical integration at the regional and interregional levels,

Noting that Council resolution 1991/74 does not impose any financial burden on the budgets of the two Commissions concerned, since the Governments of Morocco and Spain are making available most of the financial resources needed to perform the activities mandated in the resolution,

Bearing in mind the necessary involvement of the experts from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in coordinating the evaluation process requested in the resolution,

Recalling that in resolution 1991/74 the Council called upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the two Commissions, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report,

Noting that the Secretary-General has not been able to allocate the necessary resources from within existing appropriations,

Requests the Secretary-General, taking account of relevant priorities, to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, within existing resources for the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, with the necessary budgetary resources to enable them to prepare effectively and efficiently the evaluation report requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/74.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Admission of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan as members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat on the admission of new members to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission, 11/

Noting that members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific have agreed to the inclusion of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in the geographical scope of the Commission and their admission as members of the Commission,

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11/ E/1992/88.

1. Recommends that Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan be included in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and be admitted as members of the Commission;

2. Decides to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a member of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has become a member of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Decides to amend paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Admission of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands as members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands have become members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Decides to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Admission of French Polynesia and New Caledonia as associate members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that French Polynesia and New Caledonia have become associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with paragraph 5 of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Decides to amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Admission of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan as members of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific has recommended the inclusion of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan in the geographical scope of the Commission and their admission as members of the Commission,

Approves the recommendation of the Commission that Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan be included in the geographical scope of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and be admitted as members of the Commission,

Decides to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Strengthening the Economic Commission for Africa to face Africa's development challenges in the 1990s

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the terms of reference of the Commission as adopted by resolution 671 (XXV) of the Economic and Social Council of 29 April 1958 and amended by resolution 974 D.I (XXXVI) of July 1963, resolution 1343 (XLV) of 18 July 1968 and resolution 1978/68 of 4 August 1978,

Recalling further the various resolutions that have implications on the mandate and operations of the Commission, including, in particular, General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and Assembly resolutions 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 44/211 of 21 December 1989,

Noting with appreciation the endorsement by the Economic and Social Council of the ECA Conference of Ministers resolution 718 (XXVI) on the revitalization of the mandate and operational framework of the regional commission for Africa,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 45/177 of 19 December 1990, 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and

revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, in which the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and those located in developing countries strengthened in the context of the overall objectives of the ongoing restructuring and the revitalization process,

Reiterating the validity of the general orientation of the work programme of the Commission as outlined in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, including the identified individual subprogrammes,

Convinced that the many and important changes that are taking place in the member States of the Commission, the international environment as well as in the United Nations system as a whole will necessitate new approaches by the Commission in carrying out its mandate and new relationships with its constituency and partners, with a view to increasing its impacts,

Having examined the in-depth analysis made by the Acting Executive Secretary of ECA as contained in document E/ECA/CM.18/4 entitled "The Economic Commission for Africa in the 1990s: a policy and management framework for facing Africa's development challenges",

1. Congratulates the Acting Executive Secretary of the Commission for the initiative he took to establish a Task Force to review and appraise the policy orientation, programmes and management capacity of ECA and for the excellent analysis of the pertinent issues and useful and innovative proposals he has made;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to ensure that there is a clear and concrete balance between the research and operational activities of the ECA secretariat and sharply focus all such activities of the Commission on the specific realities and characteristics of the African region, and on individual subregions;

3. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to ensure that its activities are fully grounded in sound data and information systems, through the strengthening of the Pan-African Information and Documentation System (PADIS), which should be provided with adequate financial resources;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to ascertain that the implementation of all subprogrammes contained in the work programme of the Commission is solidly based on the full attainment of the identified basic indicators of achievement of the objectives of ECA, namely, strengthening the advisory role of ECA on socio-economic questions; promoting regional cooperation and integration; enhancing the efficiency of the public sector; promoting of private initiatives and entrepreneurship; development, dissemination and utilization of science and technology; ensuring a desirable balance between food supply, population, human settlements and environment; fostering human-centred development; achieving structural transformation and diversification of African economies; and promotion of women in development;

5. Welcomes the process of frequent and close consultations of the secretariat with the member States and donors through the regular briefing sessions, including with their representatives at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

6. Recommends the establishment, within existing resources, of a consultative mechanism that would advise the Executive Secretary on the grouping of conferences along specific themes, including scheduling and the preparation of conferences, meetings, seminars and workshops, taking into account the need to harmonize them with those of the Organization of African Unity and the African Development Bank to avoid duplication and achieve greater efficiency;

7. Urges the Executive Secretary of ECA to explore all possibilities to establish or strengthen the relationships of the Commission with African intergovernmental organizations, the United Nations specialized agencies, bilateral and multilateral development cooperation agencies and non-governmental organizations, including, in particular, the possibility of establishing joint units or special programmes with the different United Nations specialized agencies, and the creation of a special unit within the ECA secretariat to coordinate the increased joint activities of ECA with non-governmental organizations;

8. Expresses appreciation to the General Assembly for providing additional resources to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) and, consequently, recommends that in conformity with ECA Conference of Ministers resolution 702 (XXV) on transforming and strengthening the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa, the MULPOCs should be further strengthened through redeployment of resources and be given specific assignments with respect to technical assistance and advisory services for the execution of joint projects of member States within the framework of the intergovernmental organizations, in their respective subregions, and they should be enabled to act as the major subregional focal points to collect and disseminate information on all aspects of economic cooperation and integration;

9. Also expresses its gratitude to the General Assembly for providing the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) four additional posts for the 1992-1993 biennium thus enabling IDEP to contribute to the process of strengthening the operational capacity of ECA in meeting the challenges facing Africa in the 1990s, and requests the redeployment of resources which would enable IDEP to assume additional responsibility;

10. Requests the Executive Secretary, in close cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to undertake a thorough examination of the problems and constraints facing the ECA-sponsored institutions and subsequently make concrete proposals aimed at alleviating the different problems and consider alternative solutions such as merging some of the institutions;

11. Appeals to bilateral and multilateral donors to increase their financial and other forms of assistance to ECA to enable it to shoulder its responsibilities to the member States in the form of extrabudgetary operational activities;

12. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake, as may become necessary, reforms in the structure of the secretariat so as to achieve full consistency with the new orientations recommended herein and attain greater efficiency and increased capacity for the secretariat to serve as a veritable effective organ for the economic and social development of Africa;

13. Requests the Executive Secretary to report on the progress of implementation of the present resolution to the nineteenth meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers and twenty-eighth session of the Commission.

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: strengthening the role and functions of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the terms of reference of the Commission as adopted by resolution 671 (XXV) of the Economic and Social Council of 29 April 1958 and amended by resolution 974 D.I (XXXVI) of July 1963, resolution 1343 (XLV) of 18 July 1968 and resolution 1978/68 of 4 August 1978,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision to endorse the ECA Conference of Ministers resolution 718 (XXVI) on the revitalization of the mandate and operational framework of the regional commission for Africa,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 45/177, 45/264 and 46/235 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, in which the regional commissions should be enabled fully to play their role under the authority of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and those located in developing countries should be strengthened in the context of the overall objectives of the ongoing restructuring and the revitalization process,

Convinced that the Economic Commission for Africa plays a vital catalytic role in the coordination and execution of intercountry programmes and projects aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and integration, especially by fostering the goals of the African Economic Community,

1. Reaffirms the continuing validity of the role of regional economic commissions as important organs of the United Nations for promoting the socio-economic development of their respective regions;

2. Appeals to the Secretary-General that in the context of the ongoing restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields, due recognition is accorded to the vital role of the regional commissions.

43. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002

The Economic and Social Council decides to endorse resolution 48/3, entitled "Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002", adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

DRAFT DECISION II

Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council decides to approve resolution 48/2, entitled "Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission", adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which should be implemented in conformity with the administrative, financial and programme planning regulations and rules of the United Nations.

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council decides that the twenty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean should be held at Cartagena, Colombia, in 1994.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Venue of the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council decides that the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission should be held at Lusaka in April 1993.

DRAFT DECISION V

Industrial development in Africa

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the draft decision entitled "Industrial development in Africa" adopted by the Economic Commission for Africa.

DRAFT DECISION VI

Implementation of the United Nations Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of the report of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole on the progress report on the implementation of the United Nations Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa:

(a) Urges member States to establish national coordination committees and revitalize their operation where they exist;

(b) Affirms its resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991, by which it invited the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary regular budgetary resources to enable it to carry out its responsibilities as the lead agency for the second Decade effectively and efficiently.

DRAFT DECISION VII

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional cooperation

The Economic and Social Council decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (E/1992/14 and Add.1 (Parts I and II);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Second report on the cost-benefit of office accommodation at ECLAC, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)" and the Secretary-General's comments thereon (E/1992/21 and Add.1).

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (E/1992/61 and Add.1);

(d) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chairman of the Economic Commission for Europe to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1992/101 and Corr.1).